

REMARKS

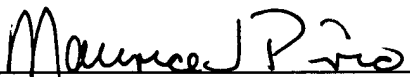
Claims 1-6, 10-30, 32-34, and 36-37 are now pending. Applicant has cancelled claims 1, 9, 31, and 35. Applicant has amended the claims so that each objected to claim includes the language of its base claim and any intervening claims. In addition the remaining claims now depend from a previously objected to, but now amended, claim. As such, applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Based upon these amendments and remarks, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and its early allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (206) 359-8548.

Enclosed is our check in the amount of \$2,400.00. Applicant believes no additional fee is due with this response. However, if any additional fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0665, under Order No. 418268899US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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